

REMARKS

The indication that claims 6-7 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claim 6 has been amended into independent form. Claim 2 has been amended into conformance and claims 1, 3-5 and 7 have been canceled.

Claim 1 was rejected under §112, second paragraph. The criticisms in the Official Action have been borne in mind when amending claim 6. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 were rejected as anticipated by VU et al. 5,377,031. These claims have been replaced with new claims 22-24 and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 22 is directed to an active matrix liquid crystal display device with a layer of first insulating material having at least two spaced-apart ridges thereon, a light shielding film extending between and to tops of the ridges, a layer of second insulating material on the light shielding film, where the second insulating material has a first thickness between the ridges and a second thickness less than the first thickness at the tops of the ridges, a TFT between the ridges, and a metal electrode extending between and to the tops of the ridges. The second thickness at the tops of the ridges constricts a light path

through the layer of second insulating material, as explained at page 15, line 21 through page 16, line 4.

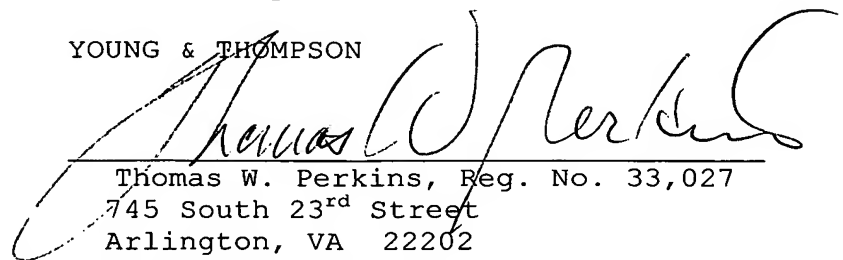
VU et al. do not disclose or suggest the light shielding film that extends between and to tops of the ridges, a layer of second insulating material on the light shielding film, where the second insulating material has a first thickness between the ridges and a second thickness less than the first thickness at the tops of the ridges, a TFT between the ridges, and a metal electrode extending between and to the tops of the ridges. Accordingly, claims 22-24 avoid the rejection under §102.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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